

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 imposing a Requirement for Election of Species among the following alleged species of the claimed invention:

- 1st Species: Fig. 6
- 2nd Species: Fig. 9
- 3rd Species: Fig. 11
- 4th Species: Fig. 13
- 5th Species: Fig. 15
- 6th Species: Fig. 17
- 7th Species: Fig. 19
- 8th Species: Fig. 20
- 9th Species: Fig. 21
- 10th Species: Fig. 22.

The examiner has noted, and Applicant agrees, that claim 1 is currently generic to all Species.

By this response, Applicant elects the 4th Species (Fig. 13), with traverse. Claim 1 is generic to all species and newly added claim 9 is sub-generic to the species of Figs. 11, 13, 15 and 17. Newly added claim 10 reads on the elected species.

However, as set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 4 and 6 should also be examined, consonant with the current election.

Each of the current claims includes a camera configuration which processed pixel information differently according to different modes which can be selected. Accordingly,

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each independent claim necessarily involves more than one mode of operation. The “species” identified by the examiner, however, each only correspond to one mode of processing. Thus, none of the species proposed by the Examiner corresponds to any of the original claims, as a whole.

Accordingly, while Applicant has identified an elected species as required (the species corresponding to Fig. 13) and have identified a claim which corresponds to this species, Applicant respectfully submit that the restriction is not appropriate given the nature of the invention and should therefore be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

This Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, increases the total number of claims by 2 from 8 to 10, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Any fee required by this document other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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